question of intervention by them does not arise.

गुजरात में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों हेतु कल्याण योजनाओं के अधीन निर्धारित किये गये लक्ष्य

4410 **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों हेतु कल्याण योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत किये जाने के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये थे ;

(ख) इन लक्ष्यों प्राप्त करने में किस हद तक सफलता मिली है ;

(ग) इन लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में विफलता के क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) से (ग) गुजरात सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Facilities for cancer treatment

4411. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of people suffering from cancer all over the country;

(b) what measures are being taken to control cancer;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing treatment facilities are inadequate, resulting in the death of a large number of cancer patients;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the medical facilities in the country to combat cancer; and

(e) whether there is any proopsal to include cancer control in the list of National Health Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) It is estimated that at any given point of time, there are about 1.5 to 2 million cancer patients in India.

(b) to (e) Under the National Cancer Control Programme of this Ministry specified Regional Cancer Centres in the country, having comprehensive diagnostic and treatment facilities in cancer are provided with grant-in-aid Financial assistance @ Rs. 20.00 lakhs per unit is also provided for setting up of Cobalt therapy units in hospitals and medical colleges. In order to augment cancer treatment facilities in the country and to fill up geographical gaps, a scheme for development of Oncology Wings in Govt. Medical Colleges/hospitals has been initiated from the year 1990-91. Under the scheme, an amount upto Rupees One crore is provided in phases for purchase of equipments while civil works and manpower are to be provided by the State Govt./institution. Simultaneously, a scheme for District Projects for health education, early detection and pain relief measures has been initiated and an amount of Rs. 15,00 lakhs, is provided to being with to the concerned state Government for each district selected for the purpose. Besides, financial assistance is also provided to eligible voluntary organisations for undertaking health education and early detection of cancer activities.

Amedment in the Indian Medical Council Act

4412. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Indian Medical Council Act to make it an effective organisation to monitor and regulate the medical profession;